

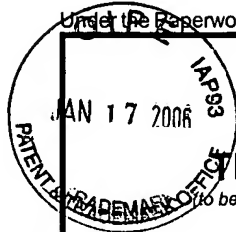
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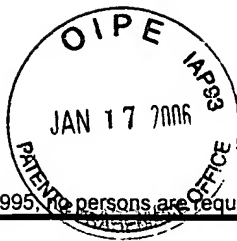
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$ 395

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Code	Small Entity Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1011 300	2011 150	Utility filing fee	
1012 200	2012 100	Design filing fee	
1013 200	2013 100	Plant filing fee	
1014 300	2014 150	Reissue filing fee	
1015 200	2015 100	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total ☐ - 20** = ☐ x ☐ = ☐
Independent ☐ - 3** = ☐ x ☐ = ☐
Multiple Dependent ☐ = ☐ x ☐ = ☐
** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Code	Small Entity Code	Fee Description
1202 50	2202 25	Claims in excess of 20
1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claim
1204 200	2204 100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 50	2205 25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Code	Small Entity Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 120	2251 60	Extension for response within first month	
1252 450	2252 225	Extension for response within second month	
1253 1,020	2253 510	Extension for response within third month	
1254 1,590	2254 795	Extension for response within fourth month	
1255 2,160	2255 1,080	Extension for response within fifth month	
1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal	
1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 500	2452 250	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	
1453 1,500	2453 750	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
1501 1,400	2501 700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 800	2502 400	Design issue fee	
1503 1,100	2503 550	Plant issue fee	
1807 50	1807 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property	
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection	
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined	

Other fee (specify) Search Fee (500/250)
Other fee (specify) Examination Fee (200/100)
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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of:)	
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Jeffrey A. Humber)	Confirmation No.: 9048
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Serial No.: 10/0749,729)	Group Art Unit: 3751
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Filed: December 30, 2003)	Examiner: Charles E. Phillips
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For: <i>Closet Flange with Knockout</i>)	
<i>Retainer</i>)	

**CORRECTION OF LOSS OF FEE PAYMENT AS THE RESULT OF
MISTAKEN SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.28**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned first learned on January 10, 2006, that the above-captioned patent application may have lost its entitlement to small entity status as the result of the acquisition of its assignee, IPS Corporation, by Nautic Partners at the end of June, 2004.

It is noted for the record that on July 8, 2005, a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) was mailed to the USPTO with an amendment and the small entity fee of \$395. As the current fee for filing an RCE is \$790, a check in the amount of \$395 is being transmitted herewith to cover the fee deficiency. Upon information and belief the small entity RCE fee was inadvertently mailed to the USPTO July 8, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0626 for any additional fee required.

Also transmitted herewith is a NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS . It should be noted, however, that the undersigned is not aware of the precise legal relationship

between Nautic Partners and IPS Corporation, nor is it aware of the size of Nautic Partners or of the various entities that may be owned thereby, controlled thereby or related thereto. Accordingly, the undersigned is not certain that the subject patent application is not entitled to small entity status. However, out of an abundance of caution, the NOTIFICATION is being filed.

Respectfully submitted,

 11/12/06

By: Michael H. Jester
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